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## FALL SOWS IN 9 STATES UP 17 PERCENT:

The number of sows farrowed and intended to farrow in the fall of 1958 (June through November) for 9 Corn Belt States is 17 percent larger than in 1957 and 21 percent larger than the 1947-56 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number is now estimated at 3,819,000 for the 9 States (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas). Farrowings in all of the above-named States this fall are up from a year earlier, ranging from 7 percent in Wisconsin to 36 percent in South Dakota. An increase of 29 percent is indicated in Nebraska, 23 percent in Kansas, 21 percent in Iowa, 20 percent in Minnesota, 14 percent in Illinois, 10 percent in Indiana, and 8 percent in Ohio. The September 1 survey indicates an increase of less than 1 percent or 22,000 head from the farrowing intentions reported for these States as of June 1, 1958. The 9 States included in this report accounted for 67 percent of the United States 1957 pig crop. Missouri is no longer included in this report.

## JUNE-AUGUST FARROWINGS ALSO UP 17 PERCENT:

Sows farrowed in the 9 States during June, July, and August totaled 2,059,000 head, 17 percent more than for the same period a year earlier. This is 31,000 head less than was indicated for this period in June. These farrowings for the 9 States represent 54 percent of the estimated June-November total--the same percentage as a year earlier--and may be compared with the average of 50 percent. Farmers' reports indicate that the number of sows farrowed in each of the 3 months was up from a year earlier. The July farrowings show the largest increase over a year earlier, followed by August and June.

## SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER INTENDED FARROWINGS UP 16 PERCENT:

Sows bred and intended for farrowings in September, October, and November this year in the 9 States totaled 1,760,000 head, 16 percent more than a year earlier and 11 percent above average. This is 3 percent or 53,000 head more than the farrowing intentions reported for these States in June. Nearly one-half of this increase occurred in Iowa. All of the States show increases for this period compared with June intentions except Indiana and Illinois, which indicated no change, and South Dakota which shows a decrease.

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Sows farrowing by quarters, Selected Corn Belt States

State	June through August				September through November			
	Average			1958	Average			1958
	1947-56	1957	1958	as %	1947-56	1957	1958 1/	as %
				of				of
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	1957
	head	head	head	Per-	head	head	head	cent
	cent			cent				
Ohio.....	151	155	166	107	192	147	160	109
Ind.....	298	328	359	109	228	176	195	111
Ill.....	275	360	425	118	335	340	373	110
Wisc.....	92	103	109	106	85	86	93	108
Minn.....	156	176	209	119	123	122	149	122
Iowa.....	475	499	600	120	427	467	569	122
S.Dak.....	34	41	56	137	28	33	45	136
Nebr.....	68	67	90	134	98	95	119	125
Kans.....	40	36	45	125	64	47	57	121
Total 9								
States...	1,583	1,765	2,059	117	1,580	1,513	1,760	116

State	June through November Total				December through February 3/			
	Average			1958	Average			1959
	1947-56	1957	1958 2/	as %	1947-56	1957	1958	1959 1/
				of				of
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	1958
	head	head	head	Per-	head	head	head	Per-
	cent			cent				cent
Ohio.....	342	302	326	108	116	141	142	155
Ind.....	526	504	554	110	210	296	314	333
Ill.....	610	700	798	114	172	283	336	440
Wisc.....	176	189	202	107	51	82	96	105
Minn.....	279	298	358	120	66	102	142	190
Iowa.....	902	966	1,169	121	224	356	460	550
S.Dak.....	62	74	101	136	16	22	40	54
Nebr.....	166	162	209	129	48	63	95	115
Kans.....	105	83	102	123	38	38	53	68
Total 9								
States...	3,168	3,278	3,819	117	942	1,383	1,678	2,010

1/ Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

2/ Sum of June through August farrowings and September through November intentions to farrow.

3/ December preceding year.

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes September 1,  
Selected Corn Belt States

State	Under 3 months				3 to 6 months			
	1956	1957	1958	1958	1956	1957	1958	1958
				as %				as %
				of				of
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-
	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent
Ohio.....	1,086	1,080	1,188	110	1,390	1,330	1,219	92
Ind.....	2,285	2,220	2,530	114	1,905	1,805	1,690	94
Ill.....	2,285	2,500	2,950	118	4,035	3,880	3,750	97
Wisc.....	668	705	737	105	1,200	1,225	1,190	97
Minn.....	1,110	1,220	1,490	122	2,530	2,640	2,530	96
Iowa.....	3,589	3,639	4,377	120	8,967	8,607	8,104	94
S. Dak.....	250	268	390	146	1,494	1,464	1,635	112
Nebr.....	1/	478	640	134	1/	1,647	1,700	103
Kans.....	247	243	318	131	466	489	480	98
Total 8								
States...	11,520	11,875	13,980	118	21,987	21,440	20,598	96
Total 9								
States...	1/	12,353	14,620	118	1/	23,087	22,298	97

State	Total under 6 months				6 months and older				All hogs and pigs			
	1956	1957	1958	1958	1956	1957	1958	1958	1956	1957	1958	1958
				as %				as %				as %
				of				of				of
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-
	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent
Ohio.....	2,476	2,410	2,407	100	812	746	781	105	3,288	3,156	3,188	101
Ind.....	4,190	4,025	4,220	105	1,273	1,165	1,230	106	5,463	5,190	5,450	105
Ill.....	6,320	6,380	6,700	105	1,461	1,479	1,631	110	7,781	7,859	8,331	106
Wisc.....	1,868	1,930	1,927	100	461	446	497	111	2,329	2,376	2,424	102
Minn.....	3,640	3,860	4,020	104	778	646	892	138	4,418	4,506	4,912	109
Iowa.....	12,556	12,246	12,481	102	1,732	1,756	2,221	126	14,288	14,002	14,702	105
S. Dak.....	1,744	1,732	2,025	117	296	247	310	126	2,040	1,979	2,335	118
Nebr.....	1/	2,125	2,340	110	1/	375	585	156	1/	2,500	2,925	117
Kans.....	713	732	798	109	215	187	240	128	928	919	1,038	113
Total 8												
States...	33,507	33,315	34,578	104	7,028	6,672	7,802	117	40,535	39,987	42,380	106
Total 9												
States...	1/	35,440	36,918	104	1/	7,047	8,387	119	1/	42,487	45,305	107
1/	Not available.											



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DECEMBER-FEBRUARY INTENTIONS UP 20 PERCENT:

Reported breeding intentions indicate 2, 010, 000 sows to farrow during the 1959 winter quarter (December 1958 through February 1959). This would be an increase of 20 percent or 332, 000 head from the 1, 678, 000 that farrowed during the same period a year earlier. All of the 9 States show increases for this period as compared with a year earlier. Iowa, Indiana, and Illinois, the major producing States for this period, show increases of 20 percent, 6 percent, and 31 percent respectively. Increases in other States are: South Dakota, 35 percent; Minnesota, 34 percent; Kansas, 28 percent; Nebraska, 21 percent, Ohio and Wisconsin each 9 percent.

ALL HOGS AND PIGS UP 7 PERCENT:

The number of all hogs and pigs on farms September 1, 1958 in the 9 States totaled 45, 305, 000 head. This is 7 percent more than the 42, 487, 000 head a year earlier. All States show more hogs on farms this September than a year earlier. The increases range from 1 percent in Ohio to 18 percent in South Dakota. Hogs and pigs six months old and over totaled 8, 387, 000 head, 19 percent more than a year earlier. This reflects the large increase in sows and gilts held for fall and winter farrowing. The number under 6 months of age was 4 percent more than last September. There was a decline of 3 percent in the 3-6 month age group, and an increase of 18 percent in the number under 3 months of age. The percentage increase in the number of pigs under 3 months of age is more than the percentage increase in the number of sows farrowed during the June-August period. This indicates an increase in litter size as compared with a year earlier. The 14, 620, 000 pigs under 3 months old on farms September 1 accounted for 32 percent of all hogs, compared with 12, 353, 000 head a year earlier, or 29 percent of the total hogs. Pigs 3-6 months of age totaled 22, 298, 000 head, 49 percent of all hogs this year, compared with 23, 087, 000 head, or 54 percent of the total a year earlier.

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